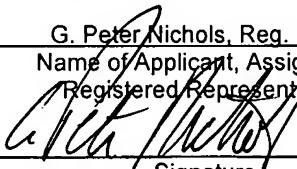


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**Case No. 10908/8**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: )  
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Serial No.: 10/756,906 ) Group Art Unit: 1742  
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**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2005 for which the Applicant requests a one-month extension of time. In view of the following amendments and remarks, please reconsider the subject application.